

NEW SOUTH WALES.

MONTHLY SUMMARY

OF

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SECTION A.—RAINFALL AND PRODUCTION.

1. RAINFALL—INDEX.

Index showing Weighted Average Ratio of Actual to Normal Rainfall.

(Average rainfall for each month = 100.)

Month.	Sheep Districts.					Wheat Districts.				Dairying Districts (Coastal only).			
	N.	C.	S.	W.	T.	N.	C.	S.	T.	N.	C.	S.	T.
1946.													
July ...	17	38	109	34	55	20	42	114	84	1	2	7	2
August ...	2	13	60	8	25	1	14	60	41	20	3	19	16
September ...	203	68	15	156	99	160	47	10	39	101	76	52	88
October ...	34	63	51	17	46	24	61	46	47	103	51	66	85
November ...	84	77	191	73	116	71	100	196	155	45	66	225	73
December ...	78	83	98	116	90	72	88	102	94	79	77	34	72
1947.													
January ...	77	21	8	7	31	51	27	8	18	190	75	31	140
February ...	271	271	176	462	261	263	257	175	207	198	242	160	204
March ...	142	82	151	178	132	100	83	165	136	126	70	39	101
April ...	81	59	96	45	76	58	76	95	85	127	113	186	131
May ...	62	88	41	51	61	61	83	43	56	78	101	32	79
June ...	32	38	61	41	44	38	32	63	53	8	56	76	29
July ...	64	135	155	157	122	80	142	171	152	8	17	17	11

N.—Northern; C.—Central; S.—Southern; W.—Western; T.—Total, all districts.

2. WOOL.

The total production of wool in New South Wales was 536,908,000 lb. in 1940-41; 547,000,000 lb. in 1941-42; 497,538,000 lb. in 1942-43; 537,410,000 lb. in 1943-44; 448,683,000 lb. in 1944-45; 431,549,000 lb. in 1945-46 and 432,621,000 lb. in 1946-47.

The Australian wool clips 1939-40 to 1945-46 were purchased by the British Government under war time contract. Auction sales were resumed in 1946 under agreement between United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa for joint disposal of accumulated stocks and safeguarding of prices of current clips.

Month.	Number of Bales Received into Store in Sydney.							
	During Month.				Total for Season to end of Month.			
	1944-45.	1945-46.	1946-47.	1947-48.	1944-45.	1945-46.	1946-47.*	1947-48.
July ...	76,207	68,696	61,345*	60,568	76,207	68,696	61,345	60,568
August ...	113,506	110,161	66,310		189,713	178,857	127,655	
September ...	73,356	132,093	206,309		263,069	310,950	333,964	
October ...	129,588	183,001	209,694		392,057	493,951	543,658	
November ...	166,656	174,501	128,416		559,313	668,452	672,074	
December ...	111,713	47,412	67,454		671,026	715,864	739,528	
January ...	101,888	44,883	22,200		772,914	760,747	761,728	
February ...	24,884	23,146	17,611		797,798	783,893	779,339	
March ...	23,799	28,966	23,087		821,597	812,859	802,426	
April ...	20,854	36,385	31,351		842,451	849,244	833,777	
May ...	34,419	40,424	52,392		876,870	889,668	886,169	
June ...	41,007	36,141	36,660		917,877	925,809	922,829	

* Revised by exclusion of 12,158 bales carried over from 1945-46.

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3. WHEAT.

Production in New South Wales. Compiled from returns of wheatgrowers.

Season.	Area under Wheat.		Yield of Grain.	
	Total.	Harvested For Grain.	Total.	Average per Acre.
Average—1934-35				
to 1943-44	4,296,000	3,937,000	51,635,000	13·1
1941-42	4,342,000	3,969,000	48,500,000	12·2
1942-43	3,386,000	3,033,000	51,693,000	17·0
1943-44	2,975,000	2,693,000	47,500,000	17·6
1944-45	3,174,000	2,845,000	17,134,000	6·0
1945-46	4,213,000	3,774,000	62,520,000	16·6
1946-47	4,773,000	4,475,000	15,682,000	3·5
1947-48*	5,225,000	.....	.....	.....

*Preliminary Estimate.

4. BUTTER OUTPUT—N.S.W. FACTORIES.

Month.	Average, 1937-38 to 1939-40.	1943-44.	1944-45.	1945-46.	1946-47.	1947-48.	Thousand lb.
July	5,061	3,313	2,462	3,286	2,641	3,005	
August	5,361	3,279	3,065	4,008	2,758	.....
September	7,093	4,933	5,397	5,007	3,254	.....
October	10,107	8,626	8,488	7,557	4,446	.....
November	13,128	11,553	8,169	7,387	5,070	.....
December	13,471	13,079	7,532	8,820	6,372	.....
January	12,310	12,821	8,004	8,146	6,386	.....
February	11,816	10,184	6,769	8,146	7,384	.....
March	11,370	8,446	8,261	8,498	8,051	.....
April	10,944	5,165	5,811	6,185	5,741	.....
May	8,145	3,870	4,477	4,468	4,458	.....
June	6,024	2,594	3,287	2,772	3,824	.....
Year	113,930	87,857	71,722	74,280	60,385	.....

5. COAL PRODUCTION† IN N.S.W.—Thousand Tons.

Source—Joint Coal Board.

Periods of Four Weeks.*	Last day of Period. (1947 dates.)	1942.	1943	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.
First...	18th Jan.	731	744	625	640	519	475
Second	15th Feb.	933	933	774	867	860	821
Third	15th Mar.	981	813	781	893	913	766
Fourth	12th April	886	843	782	755	859	816
Fifth	10th May	1,003	843	930	791	674	834
Sixth	7th June	965	907	866	914	906	834
Seventh	5th July	918	899	884	846	798	1,003
Eighth	2nd Aug.	953	905	884	914	846	990
Ninth	30th Aug.	1,028	938	880	778	911	...
Tenth	27th Sept.	984	868	970	842	975	...
Eleventh	25th Oct.	973	937	870	759	1,017	...
Twelfth	22nd Nov.	965	939	891	869	976	...
Thirteenth	20th Dec.	886	904	906	308	932	...
52 weeks Total†	...	12,206	11,473	11,043	10,176	11,186	...
Output—"Open Cuts" incl. above...	...	56	60	180	523	756	...
Period of 32 weeks ended*—		8th August	7th August	5th August	4th August	3rd August	2nd August
Northern District	...	4,987	4,679	4,419	4,332	4,334	4,395
Western District	...	992	897	954	1,020	996	1,073
Southern District*	...	1,391	1,311	1,153	1,268	1,045	1,071
Total (32 weeks)	...	7,370	6,887	6,526	6,620	6,375	6,539
Output—"Open Cuts" incl. above...	...	...	32	70	300	396	522

* The Four-weekly Periods in Southern District end a week later than in other districts.

† Production as recorded by Mines Department was 11,196,000 tons in 1939, 9,550,000 in 1940, 11,766,000 in 1941,

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BUILDING INDUSTRY.

6. SUMMARY OF PRIVATE BUILDING PERMITS.

Value of permits to erect new buildings and additions (compiled from returns of Municipal and certain Shire Councils). Government buildings are excluded.

Period.	City of Sydney—New Buildings and Alterations and Additions.	Suburbs of Sydney.			Total—Sydney and Suburbs.		
		New Buildings.		Alterations and Additions.	New Buildings.	Alterations and Additions.	Total.
		No. of Permits.	Value				
Monthly Average	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1938	284,132	621	748,064	137,989	974,836	195,349	1,170,185
1939	157,127	581	744,532	116,630	848,963	160,326	1,018,289
1940	127,851	567	735,057	113,612	788,668	187,852	976,520
1941	40,002	632	745,228	112,720	757,943	140,007	903,950
1942	22,580	30	45,880	52,010	51,343	69,127	120,470
1943	20,704	15	19,677	73,006	21,311	92,076	113,387
1944	27,671	35	35,511	70,395	35,553	98,024	133,577
1945	22,019	331	336,445	80,812	338,842	100,434	439,276
1946	101,100	780	1,191,938	212,811	1,200,643	305,206	1,505,849
Month—							
1946—July	129,188	990	1,460,988	213,915	1,470,788	333,303	1,804,091
1947—June	242,902	778	1,412,816	155,966	1,532,716	278,968	1,811,684
July	82,150	815	1,379,427	306,097	1,393,427	374,247	1,767,674
Seven Months (Jan.—July)							
1946	540,449	5,395	7,181,627	1,297,698	7,255,832	1,763,942	9,019,774
1947	823,449	5,046	9,399,895	1,906,085	9,690,168	2,439,261	12,129,429

Quarter.	129 Industrial and Rural Towns.			Seven Shires.			Total, New South Wales : New Buildings, Alterations and Additions.*	
	New Buildings.		Alterations and Additions.	New Buildings.		Alterations and Additions.		
	No. of Permits.	Value.		No. of Permits.	Value.			
Quarterly Average—		£	£	£	£	£	£	
1938	1,277	1,074,724	245,066	324	200,866	61,786	5,092,997	
1939	1,126	849,892	215,389	359	246,018	29,242	4,395,406	
1940	850	752,163	183,881	363	250,006	35,650	4,151,360	
1941	863	691,258	164,264	399	306,332	27,634	3,901,338	
1942	206	144,982	58,542	98	54,724	11,511	631,168	
1943	76	36,401	62,239	39	15,162	13,295	467,257	
1944	109	59,601	87,067	86	45,133	25,550	518,983	
1945	592	473,569	129,554	611	503,434	50,867	2,475,251	
1946	1,496	1,599,803	312,566	1,198	1,347,792	116,450	7,894,158	
June Quarter—								
1946	1,501	1,587,274	314,521	1,309	1,444,289	132,426	7,386,845	
1947	1,800	2,158,099	318,025	1,266	1,676,028	98,901	9,417,470	
Six Months (Jan.—June)								
1946	2,702	2,676,065	546,816	2,370	2,523,513	230,097	13,192,174	
1947	3,549	4,129,143	686,707	2,375	3,081,914	189,921	18,448,930	

* Metropolis, 7 adjacent shires and 129 industrial and rural towns; other areas not recorded.

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7. CLASSES OF PRIVATE BUILDING PERMITS.

The value of principal classes of buildings for which permits were issued by local councils in Sydney and Suburbs, 7 adjacent Shires and 129 Industrial and Rural Towns is shown below :—

Period.	Value of New Buildings and Alterations and Additions. (Permits issued.)							
	Houses.		Flats. (a)	Factories.	Shops (b)	Other (Offices, Hotels, Hospitals, etc.).	Total.	
	New.	Brick.						
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	
Sydney and Suburbs.								
Monthly Average—								
1939	345,374	71,850	42,004	231,830	106,124	42,943	178,164	1,018,289
1944	2,639	11,642	12,397	1,094	85,433	1,459	18,913	133,577
1945	149,698	160,728	31,025	3,680	61,641	4,775	27,729	439,276
1946	555,620	386,772	61,356	52,758	303,006	48,180	98,157	1,505,849
Month—								
1946—July	702,784	512,836	64,850	40,235	322,873	21,974	138,539	1,804,091
1947—June	721,644	382,064	73,664	105,387	197,473	53,490	277,962	1,811,684
July.....	831,855	379,934	66,283	85,743	303,885	40,602	60,272	1,767,674
Seven Months— (Jan.—July)—								
1946... ...	3,548,225	2,812,940	401,395	153,930	1,419,131	118,855	565,298	9,019,774
1947... ...	5,140,260	2,629,550	477,216	624,505	2,136,379	245,054	876,465	12,129,429
Quarterly Average—								
129 Industrial and Rural Towns.								
1939	165,886	439,089	79,029	36,997	28,847	92,367	223,066	1,065,287
1944	2,334	31,353	27,236	1,755	41,784	4,868	37,338	146,668
1945	69,520	345,049	64,606	2,749	53,182	13,512	53,905	603,123
1946	315,060	997,873	134,694	28,043	130,775	85,697	220,227	1,912,366
June Quarter—								
1946	306,754	982,533	127,138	50,785	137,977	87,887	208,721	1,901,795
1947	479,064	1,355,476	181,072	44,463	103,161	121,584	191,304	2,476,124
Six Months— (Jan.—June)—								
1946	487,846	1,760,982	244,763	59,507	256,381	132,894	280,508	3,222,881
1947	952,706	2,562,253	324,217	68,827	265,840	271,747	309,750	4,815,340
Quarterly Average—								
7 Shires Adjacent to the Metropolis.								
1939	97,086	117,190	19,726	6,930	1,170	7,348	25,810	275,260
1944	3,774	35,555	11,963	5	8,158	783	10,445	70,683
1945	110,370	388,520	35,281	925	3,831	1,793	13,581	554,301
1946	409,227	891,154	64,908	11,900	13,278	33,019	41,656	1,404,242
June Quarter—								
1946	429,723	979,581	58,000	7,600	3,923	40,125	57,763	1,576,715
1947	638,275	929,601	79,292	24,650	22,665	37,293	43,153	1,774,929
Six Months— (Jan.—June)—								
1946	672,396	1,804,222	112,331	11,775	17,093	51,094	84,699	2,753,610
1947	1,168,272	1,744,743	156,306	26,440	51,050	59,396	65,628	3,271,835

(a) Includes conversions to flats.

(b) Includes shops with dwellings attached.

8. GOVERNMENT BUILDING.

The following are particulars of Government building (Commonwealth, State and Public authorities) additional to private building to which tables 6 and 7 relate. Values included in respect of the State Housing Scheme relate to buildings actually commenced; for other Government building the values refer to contracts let and day labour jobs authorised :—

Area.	Value of New Buildings and Additions (Governmental).					
	Month of July.			Seven Months Ended 31st July.		
	1945.	1946.	1947.	1945.	1946.	1947.
Sydney and Suburbs	£	£	£	£	£	£
Remainder of State... ...	210,825	406,795	294,229	1,637,166	2,180,489	2,662,180
	76,081	250,504	250,681	848,519	1,445,320	1,570,922
Total, N.S. Wales ...	286,906	657,359	544,910	2,185,685	3,631,809	4,239,102

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SECTION B.—TRADE.

9. WHOLESALE TRADE.

Approximate Amount of Sales (N.S.W.) by Traders Registered under Sales Tax Acts.
Total Taxable and Exempt Goods.

Period.	1939.	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.
Year.	200·29	202·79	229·03	238·65	240·54	251·40	251·74	299·76	...
January ...	13·24	16·33	15·83	18·69	17·18	18·01	18·62	17·62	21·70
February ...	16·54	14·64	17·48	19·39	21·60	20·48	21·48	21·72	26·28
March ...	15·78	16·97	17·40	19·53	19·44	18·00	21·75	22·33	24·22
April ...	15·79	17·88	19·06	19·19	21·88	21·68	20·81	26·88	27·33
May ...	17·46	14·85	18·75	20·72	19·56	21·45	22·24	25·21	30·33
June ...	14·88	17·07	21·76	18·93	20·91	20·67	19·40	23·58	27·98
July ...	15·28	16·74	17·63	19·17	19·81	20·87	22·01	25·74	...
August ...	16·81	17·17	20·41	20·86	18·75	23·82	20·22	28·74	...
September ...	19·44	17·48	21·60	19·59	19·93	21·46	23·72	28·97	...
October ...	19·22	18·50	18·25	22·06	20·80	21·82	22·36	26·56	...
November ...	17·53	18·13	20·58	19·54	21·07	20·30	{ 39·13 }	24·65	...
December ...	18·32	17·03	20·28	20·98	19·61	22·84		27·76	...

10. RETAIL TRADE.

Returns collected by the Retail Traders' Association Research Bureau in conjunction with the Commonwealth Bank from the principal Sydney stores indicate the following increases or decreases per cent. for periods shown below compared with corresponding periods of previous year:—

Period.	Number of Business Days in Period.		Net Sales (Value).	Value of Stock.	Wages and Salaries Paid.	Number of Employees.	Three Monthly Moving Average ended month shown.	
	Previous Year.	Current Year.					Net Sales (Value).	Wages and Salaries Paid.
Percentage increase + or decrease —								
Year.								
1938 ...	303	303	+ 4·8	+ 5·2	+ 11·6	+ 5·0		
1939 ...	303	303	+ 2·4	+ 2·0	+ 2·6	+ 0·9		
1940 ...	303	305	+ 6·3	+ 17·0	+ 4·0	+ 1·9		
1941 ...	305	304	+ 14·6	+ 8·0	+ 9·0	+ 4·0		
1942 ...	304	303	- 5·3	+ 9·2	- 5·1	- 8·4		
1943 ...	303	306	- 11·3	- 6·8	- 9·7	- 17·6		
1944 ...	306	302	+ 3·2	- 0·2	- 4·6	+ 1·4		
1945 ...	302	301	+ 15·8	+ 11·1	+ 6·7	+ 5·0		
1946 ...	301	302	+ 32·2	+ 3·8	+ 28·0	+ 20·0		
Percentage increase + or decrease —								
1946.								
June ...	25	23	+ 9·6	- 7·5	+ 29·9	+ 21·0	+ 35·3	+ 30·4
July ...	26	27	+ 25·5	+ 1·4	+ 32·8	+ 21·6	+ 28·7	+ 30·7
August ...	25	27	+ 45·4	+ 7·9	+ 31·9	+ 23·4	+ 26·9	+ 31·6
September ...	25	25	+ 31·6	+ 11·6	+ 35·9	+ 21·8	+ 34·6	+ 33·5
October ...	26	26	+ 28·0	+ 21·3	+ 23·4	+ 19·2	+ 34·8	+ 30·2
November ...	26	26	+ 14·2	+ 28·6	+ 28·7	+ 21·7	+ 23·8	+ 29·1
December ...	23	24	+ 33·0	+ 37·9	+ 31·4	+ 17·2	+ 25·0	+ 28·0
1947.								
January ...	25	25	+ 16·7	+ 39·4	+ 34·6	+ 19·7	+ 21·9	+ 31·5
February ...	24	24	+ 11·9	+ 38·8	+ 28·0	+ 12·3	+ 22·2	+ 31·4
March ...	26	26	+ 15·7	+ 37·6	+ 29·3	11·9	+ 14·9	+ 30·6
April ...	22	22	+ 12·8	+ 38·6	+ 19·7	+ 9·6	+ 13·6	+ 25·5
May ...	27	27	+ 9·8	+ 40·6	+ 19·4	+ 8·0	+ 12·7	+ 22·7
June ...	23	24	+ 38·2	+ 34·8	+ 15·8	+ 7·7	+ 19·0	+ 18·3

Further particulars of monthly employment in retail trade are shown in Table 27.

SECTION C.—TRANSPORT AND TRAFFIC.

11. RAILWAYS.

NEW SOUTH WALES RAILWAYS REVENUE AND BUSINESS.

The financial results of operations were:—

	Month of July.			Year ended 30th June.		
	Gross Revenue.	Working Expenses.*	Excess of Revenue over Working Expenses.	Gross Revenue. †	Working Expenses.*	Excess of Revenue over Working Expenses.
1945 ...	£ 2,634,478	£ 2,037,266	£ 597,212	£ 31,577,137	£ 24,673,209	£ 6,903,928
1946 ...	2,607,497	2,038,118	569,379	31,313,410	24,933,674	6,379,736
1947 ...	2,451,607	2,334,007	117,600	30,352,710	25,885,577	4,467,133

* Excluding capital charges, viz., interest, exchange, sinking fund, etc., which amounted to £7,030,000 in year 1945-46.

† Excluding Government contribution £800,000 annually for developmental lines.

	Month of July.		Year ended 30th June.	
	Tonnage of Goods (exc. Livestock.)	Passenger Journeys.	Tonnage of Goods (exc. Livestock.)	Passenger Journeys.
	thousands.	thousands.	thousands.	thousands.
1945 ...	1,508	22,289	17,793	254,099
1946 ...	1,491	21,758	15,872	267,423
1947 ...	1,555	21,332	16,539	261,644

12. TRAMWAYS AND OMNIBUSES.

SERVICES OPERATED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ROAD TRANSPORT, NEW SOUTH WALES.

PERIOD.	SYDNEY AND SUBURBS.			NEWCASTLE AND SUBURBS.		
	Earnings.	Excess of Earnings over Working Expenses.*	Passengers carried.†	Earnings.	Excess of Earnings over Working Expenses.*	Passengers carried.
Month of June—	£	£	thousands.	£	£	thousands.
1945 ...	431,599	§	41,788	45,383	§	§
1946 ...	420,497	§	38,449	46,076	§	3,472
1947 ...	441,180	§	39,656	48,405	§	3,555
Year ended 30th June—						
1945 ...	5,235,699	377,410	499,612	554,083	64,757	46,297
1946 ...	5,372,297	86,413	497,343	563,376	22,967	45,161
1947 ...	5,512,280	(-) 112,360	490,092	593,505	(-) 9,442	43,870

* Exclusive of Sinking Fund, Interest on Loan Capital, Exchange and Current Depreciation (Sydney and Newcastle), which amounted to £488,486 in year 1945-46.

† Not available.

† Exclusive of Sydney Harbour Bridge passengers whose journeys did not extend beyond the Bridge Section.

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13. MOTOR VEHICLES.

NUMBER OF REGISTERED MOTOR VEHICLES (N.S.W.) AS AT VARIOUS DATES
(Exclusive of Vehicles of Defence Services)

Class.	1939.	1942.	1945.	1946.	1947.			
	31st August.	30th June.*	31st August.	31st July.	31st January.	31st May.	30th June.	31st July.
Cars ...	216,633	169,916	185,665	191,320	196,053	198,319	198,889	199,934
Lorries, Utilities and Vans ...	77,639	71,248	84,257	98,665	107,709	112,398	113,544	114,884
Tractors† ...	1,102	1,366	1,787	2,075	2,190	2,314	2,374	2,434
Cycles—Solo ...	17,111	10,538	12,319	15,817	18,224	19,186	19,316	19,461
Cycles—Side-car ...	6,884	4,785	4,076	5,015	5,609	5,794	5,856	5,907
Omnibuses‡ ...	794	890	1,039	1,073	1,103	1,151	1,168	1,190
Taxi-cabs‡ ...	1,331	1,352	1,351	1,357	1,358	1,420	1,431	1,444
Traders' Plates ...	1,187	708	662	885	1,084	1,146	1,160	1,183
Trailers ...	6,538	6,665	9,187	11,197	13,531	14,549	14,712	14,889
Total ...	329,219	267,768	300,343	327,404	346,861	356,277	358,450	361,326

MONTHLY REGISTRATIONS OF NEW VEHICLES IN NEW SOUTH WALES.

(Ex-Service Vehicles are not included.)

Period.	Number of New Vehicles Registered.							
	Cars.	Lorries, Utilities and Vans.	Tractors. †	Cycles.	Omnibuses. ‡	Taxi-cabs. ‡	Trailers.	Total.
Monthly Average—								
1937-1939 ...	1,748	721	15	191	12	47	99	2,833
1942-1945 ...	36	179	13	13	4	2	73	320
1946 ...	320	404	25	170	4	...	204	1,127
Month—								
1946-July ...	261	450	25	93	6	...	142	977
1947-January ...	581	321	13	237	3	...	428	1,583
February ...	772	408	19	295	9	...	208	1,711
March ...	757	445	23	251	12	1	190	1,079
April ...	775	484	29	204	8	...	226	1,726
May ...	815	513	27	246	20	...	186	1,807
June ...	859	581	16	188	22	6	138	1,810
July ...	1,232	750	33	191	22	7	160	2,395

* Lowest wartime cars; lowest lorries and vans (70,724) in October, 1942. † Excluding tractors used on farms only.

‡ Metropolitan and Newcastle Districts

14. WIRELESS LICENSES.

BROADCAST LISTENERS' LICENSES IN FORCE IN N.S.W.

End of Month.	1939.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
January ...	423,649	556,775	564,184	570,080	608,306
February ...	427,211	561,066	563,702	570,952	606,880
March ...	427,964	560,665	563,791	573,205	616,114
April ...	428,848	561,638	567,295	576,218	618,385
May ...	431,149	563,277	571,616	575,144	663,518
June ...	433,029	560,032	572,697	575,864	679,505
July ...	433,972	559,106	573,078	580,747	686,633
August ...	431,029	562,063	572,893	583,172	.....
September ...	432,795	563,425	568,280	585,985	.....
October ...	435,573	561,504	571,656	588,321	.....
November ...	440,335	562,093	573,037	591,001	.....
December ...	441,934	560,717	571,790	598,643	.....

SECTION D.—FINANCIAL.

15. COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT—REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

MONTH OF JULY.

Revenue.	1946-47.	1947-48.	Expenditure.	1946-47.	1947-48.
Taxes—		million £.	Social Services*—		million £.
Customs and Excise	7·56	10·16	Invalid, Age Pensions	2·60	3·20
Sales	3·00	2·57	Widows' Pensions	0·22	0·32
Income	17·12	22·20	Child Endowment	2·07	1·33
Payroll	1·11	1·18	Other	1·03	0·75
Estate	0·32	0·39	Payments to States	1·46	1·61
Entertainments	0·40	0·43	Tax Reimbursed to States	2·59	2·60
Other	0·14	0·21	Post Office	1·75	2·38
Total Taxes	29·65	37·14	Other	3·35	5·78
Post Office	2·32	2·48	Defence and Post War	11·37	7·42
Other	0·42	0·92	Total Expenditure ...	26·44	25·39
Total Revenue	32·39	40·54			

* Actual Expenditure from National Welfare Fund.

Expenditure on Works from Loan Fund (not included above) consisted of advances to States for Housing, viz., £450,000 in July, 1946, and £1,170,000 in July, 1947.

16. N.S.W. GOVERNMENT—REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

MONTH OF JULY.

Revenue.	1946-47.	1947-48.	Expenditure.	1946-47.	1947-48
From Commonwealth—	£000	£000		£000	£000
Towards Interest	243	243	Interest, Exchange and Sinking Fund ...	579	619
Reimbursement of Taxes	1,102	1,103	Less—Recoups from other Activities	...	...
Hospital Benefits	...	90	Net Debt Charges	579	619
Stamp and Probate Duty	461	559	Other than Debt Charges—		
Other Taxes	333	480	Governmental	1,348	1,406
Land	125	116	Business Undertakings	2,795	2,970
Services	110	124			
Other	460	359			
Total Governmental	2,834	3,074			
Business Undertakings	3,310	3,113			
Total Revenue	6,144	6,187	Total Expenditure ...	4,722	4,995

Loan expenditure on works and services during the Month of July was gross £754,000 and net (i.e. gross less repayments to loan account) £738,000 in 1947-48, compared with gross £276,000 and net £256,000 in 1946-47.

Receipts and expenditure of the Road Transport and Traffic Fund are not included in this statement.

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17. NINE TRADING BANKS—DEPOSITS AND ASSETS IN AUSTRALIA.

Deposits and assets in Australia of the nine banks which transact most of the private banking business in N.S.W. are shown below; the amounts are monthly averages of weekly figures.

Month.	Deposits.	Cash Items.*	Treasury Bills.	Government and Municipal Securities.	Special Deposits with Commonwealth Bank.	Advances.
1939—June	318·4	28·6	23·9	22·1	.....	291·7
1940 "	345·4	31·1	38·3	43·7	.....	289·9
1941 "	360·0	33·3	36·1	61·9	.....	283·7
1942 "	387·9	40·4	39·6	56·3	36·4	268·3
1943 "	453·5	33·4	50·8	75·7	102·9	246·0
1944 "	534·5	38·0	55·4	89·1	182·8	221·8
1945 "	582·5	36·5	46·5	104·3	241·8	207·9
1946 "	627·1	32·3	40·0	122·7	258·5	224·3
1947 "	648·3	34·4	13·8	80·6	275·4	289·7
1946—						
April	636·0	34·8	62·7	122·6	257·5	215·4
May	630·8	35·3	48·1	123·1	259·0	220·4
June	627·1	32·3	40·0	122·7	258·5	224·3
July	613·1	32·3	21·1	117·1	255·5	236·2
1947—						
April	659·0	36·3	29·1	81·6	280·1	278·5
May	653·8	36·2	19·3	81·3	280·2	285·5
June	648·3	34·4	13·8	80·6	275·4	289·7
July	632·5	36·2	10·7	77·9	253·2	302·8

* Excluding London Funds.

18. ALL TRADING BANKS—DEPOSITS AND ADVANCES.

There are 14 trading banks in N.S.W., viz., 9 to which Table 17 relates, the Commonwealth Bank (General Division), Rural Bank and 3 overseas banks; four other banks operate in Australia but not in N.S.W.

Month.	New South Wales* (14 banks).				Australia* (18 banks).			
	Deposits.		Total, including Govt.	Advances.	Deposits.		Total, including Govt.	Advances.
	Non-Government.	Fixed.			Non-Government.	Fixed.		
1945—September	79·7	173·4	255·7	104·8	220·2	413·4	644·0	239·0
1946—July	75·9	192·1	271·6	117·3	207·6	462·5	683·9	275·4
1947—February	75·8	210·3	288·2	135·6	203·0	508·6	723·6	308·6
March	75·2	212·3	289·8	136·5	202·5	517·9	731·5	312·8
April	73·9	215·3	291·6	140·9	201·0	523·2	735·9	324·0
May	73·0	213·2	289·1	142·9	199·7	517·3	729·8	331·7
June	71·5	212·5	286·8	144·8	199·0	511·5	722·7	336·0
July	71·9	203·2	278·5	150·5	198·9	493·7	704·8	350·2

* Comparable figures not available prior to September, 1945. Movements in deposits and advances since 1939 are illustrated by monthly averages in Australia of nine trading banks shown in Table 17, and by quarterly averages in New South Wales of these banks as shown below:—

September Quarter.	Deposits.			September Quarter.	Deposits.			
	Non-Government.	Total, including Government.	Advances.		Non-Government.	Total, including Government.	Advances.	
					Non-Government.	Total, including Government.	Advances.	
1939	113·6	114·9	122·5	1943	169·1	172·3	93·5	
1940	126·1	128·1	117·6	1944	200·9	203·6	85·1	
1941	134·4	137·3	113·7	1945	217·8	219·8	85·9	
1942	142·1	145·3	106·9					

19. SAVINGS BANK DEPOSITS (NEW SOUTH WALES).[†]

As at June 30th.	Amount of Deposits, £ [‡]	End of Month.	Amount of Deposits.			
			1939-40.	1944-45.	1945-46.	1946-47
1936 ...	... 80,000	August	£000 86,957	£000 170,104	£000 204,794	£000 236,985
1937 ...	... 81,952	September	86,557	173,037	207,520	235,806
1938 ...	... 86,016	October	86,751	173,981	209,906	234,804
1939 ...	... 87,474	November	86,684	176,748	214,806	233,006
1940 ...	... 82,111	December	86,581	179,128	219,560	231,311
1941 ...	... 87,750	January	86,716	181,801	224,705	230,924
1942 ...	... 94,538	February	87,167	184,725	228,711	230,544
1943 ...	... 122,405	March	86,759	187,894	230,420	229,665
1944 ...	... 162,867	April	87,056	189,566	230,920	229,328
1945 ...	... 198,203	May	85,179	192,884	232,221	228,549
1946 ...	... 236,242	June [†]	82,111	198,203	236,242	231,368
1947 ...	... 231,368	July	82,135	200,932	237,305	231,530

[†] Including accrued interest.[‡] Amount at credit of depositors' accounts.

SAVINGS CERTIFICATES: The net amount received from sales of certificates, less re-purchases, in New South Wales was £22,137,141 at 31st July, 1947, including £120,452 net receipts in July.

20. INTER-BANK CLEARINGS (SYDNEY).

(Value of cheques drawn on a Bank other than the Bank in which they were Deposited.)

Month.	1939.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1939.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.
Amount—Million £														
January	66·5	92·0	106·7	107·5	114·2	120·1	142·3	98	123	136	150	152	154	196
February	75·5	97·1	105·7	121·2	114·1	131·8	150·2	96	123	139	147	149	157	194
March	80·5	102·6	123·4	130·1	123·4	144·1	170·0	93	119	138	146	145	164	193
April	70·7	95·4	125·3	108·4	126·2	138·9	181·8	98	125	150	150	154	176	218
May	82·0	98·9	123·0	143·5	132·6	156·7	186·4	100	125	155	158	160	184	229
June	80·3	116·6	132·6	140·1	136·0	159·2	176·9	101	133	163	166	169	195	236
July	71·2	99·7	114·3	122·9	129·7	174·9	183·5	98	130	155	168	167	206	229
August	74·9	99·0	122·7	127·4	121·0	157·3	...	99	135	160	169	168	214	...
September	74·9	105·6	116·5	120·9	123·4	159·4	...	99	134	155	163	166	217	...
October	78·0	115·5	123·7	140·4	182·2	...	100	138	152	159	166	216	...	
November	86·1	105·0	129·3	126·3	129·7	164·1	...	102	135	149	153	164	211	...
December	91·7	121·6	127·3	127·6	121·7	165·6	...	106	136	150	152	159	208	...
Year	932·3	1248·5	1442·3	1499·6	1512·4	1854·3	...	100	131	151	156	160	196	...

The index may be regarded as an approximate measure of changes in the volume of business transactions settled by cheques provided it is considered in conjunction with changes in price levels. It represents the ratio of each month's clearings to the average for the month concerned during the five years 1926-1930. This average is represented by 100 each month. Seasonal fluctuations have thus been eliminated. Casual fluctuations in monthly index numbers have been smoothed out by taking a three months' moving average, that is, the index shown above for each month is the average of the actual index of that month and the preceding two months. It may be compared vertically or horizontally.

The index is adjusted to eliminate the effects of Treasury Bill and other special transactions on behalf of Governments and the effects of bank amalgamations. No adjustment has been made for normal growth or change of price levels. The amounts of clearings shown are the recorded totals less Treasury Bill transactions only.

21. LIFE ASSURANCE—NEW POLICIES ISSUED (N.S.W.).

(Exclusive of Annuities.)

Period.	Ordinary Department.		Industrial Department.		Total Sum Assured.
	No. of Policies.	Sum Assured.	No. of Policies.	Sum Assured.	
Year 1939	50,520	£ 18,179,537	156,787	£ 7,539,660	£ 25,719,197
1943	43,218	15,746,924	105,018	6,159,221	21,906,145
1944	51,278	21,037,984	110,560	7,062,191	28,100,175
1945	53,927	23,998,758	109,862	7,512,997	31,511,755
1947*—Jan. ...	4,626	£ 1,820,832	5,774	492,270	2,313,102
Feb. ...	6,549	2,660,276	10,841	923,699	3,583,975
Mar. ...	8,878	3,063,470	7,917	635,721	3,699,191
April ...	6,597	2,813,953	5,504	503,433	3,317,386
May ...	7,758	3,205,823	10,369	952,908	4,158,731
June ...	8,209	3,660,030	12,766	1,161,199	4,821,229

* The Government Insurance Office of N.S.W. is not included.

22. NEW LOANS GRANTED BY LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANIES (N.S.W.).

(Exclusive of advances of premiums.)

Month.	On Mortgage of Real Estate.	On Companies' Policies.	Other.	Total.
1947—Jan. ...	£ 202,990	£ 59,748	£ 75,737	£ 338,475
Feb. ...	199,798	52,098	57,571	309,467
Mar. ...	170,529	61,529	87,832	319,890
April ...	197,192	60,121	243,211	500,524
May ...	232,558	77,416	111,645	421,619
June ...	222,232	71,075	100,792	394,099

The Government Insurance Office of N.S.W. is not included.

23. STOCK EXCHANGE INDEX (SYDNEY).

The following index of the values of the principal Company shares on Sydney Stock Exchange embraces the ordinary shares of companies (excluding banking companies) whose business is conducted wholly or largely in New South Wales.

The prices of individual shares are unweighted, and each group average is the mean of the average monthly prices per £ of paid-up capital. The aggregate index is the average for the whole of the shares included in the groups with the addition of 24 miscellaneous shares. There is no base period as the index represents the ratio per cent. of the average prices of ordinary shares to their par values, adjustment being made where capital is written off or bonus shares are issued.

Month.	23 Manufacturing and Distributing Companies.	10 Retail Companies.	8 Public Utility Companies.	5 Pastoral and Finance Companies.	5 Insurance Companies.	Total* Companies 75.	34 Active Shares included in foregoing.
1929—April	179·3	183·8	129·4	174·1	243·5	174·4	172·6
1931—Sept.	72·3	60·2	87·9	75·2	121·3	74·4	77·2
1937—Mar.	213·8	203·8	181·0	169·2	281·2	190·4	200·5
1945—Sept.	242·7	207·8	170·8	146·7	264·6	195·8	210·3
1946—June	280·5	239·4	190·9	161·0	306·9	222·3	240·8
Dec.	292·4	251·6	197·3	160·7	322·5	229·7	247·2
1947—Jan.	307·8	280·0	202·9	165·5	343·8	243·8	259·6
Feb.	313·0	298·9	195·0	160·3	360·3	246·4	260·4
Mar.	323·2	310·8	194·3	166·4	380·1	252·9	266·7
April	325·4	313·6	194·7	168·3	385·5	254·9	269·9
May	329·2	314·8	196·9	172·6	391·7	257·1	272·4
June	330·4	318·1	194·9	171·0	401·0	258·1	272·1
July	327·8	315·1	194·5	167·7	408·8	257·0	270·4
Aug.	325·0	304·9	190·4	164·6	406·8	252·6	264·1

* Including 24 Miscellaneous Companies. § The highest point of the index (75 Companies) prior to the slump was reached in April, 1929; the lowest point was in September, 1931. The highest point of the pre-war period was in March, 1937.

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24. INTEREST RATES PER CENT. (N.S.W.).

Period.	Private First Mortgages Registered.		Yield on Commonwealth Government Securities†—subject to Commonwealth Income Tax—					
	Weighted Average Rate of Interest.*		Not exceeding Rates in force in 1930.			At Current Rates.		
	Urban Securities.	Rural Securities.	Short- dated.	Medium- dated.	Short-dated, 2 years.	Long- dated, 12 years.		
Average for year—			Under 5 years.	5 to 10 years.				
1938	5·4	5·0	3·38	3·71	...	...
1939	5·6	5·2	3·84	3·87	...	...
1940	5·6	5·1	3·14	3·25	...	...
1941	5·5	4·9	2·45	2·95	...	...
Months—			2 years.	7 years.				
1941—June ...	5·5	4·9	2·42	2·87	2·47	3·23		
September ...	5·4	4·9	2·39	2·89	2·45	3·24		
December ...	5·0	4·7	2·43	2·72	2·48	3·23		
1942—March ...	5·0	4·4	2·30	2·60	2·45	3·24		
April ...	4·8	4·4	2·27	2·57	2·47	3·25		
May ...	4·5	4·4	2·07	2·70	1·88	3·15		
June ...	4·5	4·3	2·16	2·59	1·92	3·15		
July ...	4·4	4·4	2·26	2·64	2·04	3·16		

* Monthly rate is average of three months ended month shown.

† Compiled by Commonwealth Bank as at last Wednesday in month.

25. REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS (N.S.W.).

(Registered under Real Property Act and Registration of Deeds Act.)

Month.	Consideration of Sales.						Amount of Mortgages.*					
	1939.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1939†.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.
Thousand £.												
January ...	2,449	1,226	1,090	1,786	2,246	4,576	1,591	595	383	608	1,078	1,859
February ...	2,438	1,294	1,507	1,999	2,357	4,729	1,841	390	611	593	1,179	2,031
March ...	3,623	1,550	1,552	2,059	2,726	4,395	2,225	503	663	688	1,047	2,005
April ...	2,245	1,517	931	1,663	3,832	3,593	2,025	536	302	526	1,431	1,674
May ...	3,099	1,185	1,307	2,204	4,697	4,763	2,112	381	495	606	1,041	2,299
June ...	2,613	1,358	1,800	2,373	3,593	4,617	1,658	400	687	864	1,708	2,079
July ...	2,919	1,783	1,992	2,726	4,005	5,335	1,950	399	543	902	1,622	2,184
August ...	3,068	1,379	2,241	2,238	5,670	...	2,270	450	723	861	2,352	...
September ...	2,934	1,551	1,772	2,684	6,440	...	1,501	432	597	1,005	2,328	...
October ...	2,330	1,544	1,654	3,260	5,826	...	1,713	618	634	1,128	2,161	...
November ...	2,381	1,558	1,899	3,106	5,180	...	1,702	558	529	1,072	2,163	...
December ...	2,067	1,592	1,708	2,195	4,105	...	1,344	494	699	899	2,473	...
Year ...	32,157	17,542	19,462	28,293	50,677	...	22,444	5,756	6,866	9,752	21,183	...

* Including new mortgages and renewals as registered. † Approximate.

NOTE.—The amounts shown relate substantially to mortgages of fixed amounts for fixed periods, and exclude fluctuating advances (such as overdrafts) secured by mortgage. Mortgages providing collateral security are included.

26. LIENS ON CROPS AND WOOL AND MORTGAGES ON LIVESTOCK.

(Registered under Liens on Crops and Wool and Stock Mortgages Act.)

	Month of July.			Seven Months ended 31st July.		
	Crops.	Wool.*	Livestock.*			
				£	£	£
1945	92,756	93,279	72,997	736,286	1,051,569	558,409
1946	62,746	154,065	134,607	528,884	1,202,710	657,841
1947	48,621	230,935	143,545	557,630	1,302,618	944,306

See note under Table 25. *Loans secured by both lien on wool and mortgage on sheep are included under both headings.

SECTION E.—GENERAL.

27. EMPLOYMENT IN NEW SOUTH WALES.

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVIL EMPLOYMENT.

The estimates shown below are based on the Census of 1933 and subsequent quasi-censuses (*e.g.* Civilian Register, 1943 and Occupation Survey, 1945), and returns supplied monthly by governmental authorities and since July, 1941, by employers for purposes of Commonwealth Pay-roll Tax. Wage earners in rural industry, female domestics in private households, members of defence forces at home or abroad, and Government "relief" workers are not included.

Month.	Total Employees. (Excluding Rural Workers and Household Domestics.)			Employees in Main Industrial Groups.					
	Govern- ment- mental. (a)	Private. (b)	Total. (b)	Mining and Quarry- ing.	Fact- ories. (b)	Building and Con- struction.	Transport and Communi- cation.	Retail Trade	Commerce and Finance.
MALES. (Thousands.)									
1933—June ...	103·2	277·5	380·7	...	158·8	...	...	...	...
1939—July ...	136·5	393·4	529·9	...	202·1	54·0	76·8	41·6	43·6
1941—July ...	141·5	406·2	547·7	26·2	213·3	44·5	78·9	32·5	36·3
1942—July ...	158·6	377·4	536·0	25·6	217·8	30·1	79·9	28·7	33·4
1943—July ...	156·9	365·2	522·1	25·1	217·6	28·2	82·3	28·5	34·0
1944—July ...	152·2	372·0	524·2	24·4	216·6	34·2	86·0	30·2	34·6
1945—July ...	156·7	384·5	541·2	24·7	237·9	45·1	97·3	42·1	45·8
1946—July ...	169·8	455·6	625·4	25·7	240·8	46·4	98·9	42·2	51·2
Aug. ...	170·4	462·2	632·6	25·9	242·2	47·3	98·5	42·9	52·4
Sept. ...	170·2	467·3	637·5	26·2	242·4	47·9	98·2	43·7	53·0
Oct. ...	170·9	472·0	642·9	26·3	243·9	48·4	98·2	43·7	53·6
Nov. ...	171·7	475·7	647·4	26·6	243·9	49·8	98·9	45·0	53·8
Dec. ...	172·7	474·7	647·4	26·4	242·1	49·5	98·8	46·3	54·1
1947—Jan. ...	173·5	479·8	653·3	26·3	245·4	51·0	99·7	45·3	54·5
Feb. ...	174·0	479·7	654·6	26·3	244·1	53·0	99·5	45·0	55·0
Mar. ...	175·5	486·2	661·7	26·1	248·9	53·0	99·8	45·2	55·7
April. ...	176·4	488·4	664·8	26·2	248·6	53·0	102·1	45·6	55·7
May ...	177·4	490·6	668·0	26·4	248·5	55·1	102·0	45·7	56·1
June ...	178·2	493·6	671·8	26·6	249·9	55·7	102·8	46·4	56·4
July ...	179·7	497·7	677·4	26·7	252·5	57·7	102·7	46·6	56·7
FEMALES. (Thousands.)									
1933—June ...	16·8	109·0	125·8	...	...	...	...	...	...
1939—July ...	19·4	148·6	168·0	...	59·3	...	...	...	...
1941—July ...	21·7	196·6	218·3	0·2	76·0	0·7	8·2	41·0	17·8
1942—July ...	29·3	208·3	237·6	0·2	84·8	0·8	9·0	41·2	20·9
1943—July ...	46·1	207·7	253·8	0·2	94·6	0·7	12·9	38·5	20·6
1944—July ...	45·6	205·4	251·0	0·2	91·6	0·7	13·8	36·3	20·7
1945—July ...	43·4	203·3	246·7	0·2	85·7	0·7	14·5	37·5	21·1
1946—July ...	32·8	210·2	243·0	0·2	83·2	0·9	12·0	39·2	21·1
Aug. ...	32·3	210·9	243·2	0·2	83·3	0·9	12·7	38·8	21·5
Sept. ...	32·1	213·2	245·3	0·2	84·0	0·9	12·6	39·4	21·9
Oct. ...	31·6	215·2	246·8	0·2	84·7	0·9	12·3	39·6	22·0
Nov. ...	31·3	218·2	249·5	0·2	85·6	0·0	12·2	41·3	22·0
Dec. ...	31·2	219·5	250·7	0·2	85·0	0·0	12·1	43·1	21·8
1947—Jan. ...	31·8	216·8	248·6	0·2	84·0	0·0	12·4	41·6	21·7
Feb. ...	31·9	217·1	249·0	0·2	85·1	0·0	12·7	40·3	22·0
Mar. ...	32·0	219·6	251·6	0·2	86·4	0·0	12·7	40·5	22·1
April. ...	32·0	219·1	251·1	0·2	85·3	0·0	12·7	40·6	22·0
May ...	32·1	219·4	251·5	0·2	85·6	1·1	12·7	40·7	22·1
June ...	32·3	219·8	252·1	0·2	85·6	1·0	12·8	40·7	22·2
July ...	32·3	220·6	252·0	0·2	86·2	1·0	12·8	40·9	22·3
TOTAL. (Thousands.)									
1933—June ...	120·0	386·5	506·5	...	...	...	...	...	...
1939—July ...	155·9	542·0	697·9	...	218·1	...	...	...	...
1941—July ...	163·2	602·8	766·0	26·2	278·1	54·7	85·0	82·6	61·4
1942—July ...	187·9	585·7	773·6	25·8	298·1	45·3	87·9	73·7	57·2
1943—July ...	203·0	572·9	775·9	25·3	312·4	30·8	92·8	67·2	54·0
1944—July ...	197·8	577·4	775·2	24·6	309·2	28·9	96·1	64·8	54·7
1945—July ...	200·1	587·8	787·9	24·9	302·3	34·9	100·5	67·7	56·7
1946—July ...	202·6	665·8	868·4	25·0	321·1	46·0	110·2	81·3	72·3
Aug. ...	202·7	673·1	875·8	26·1	324·1	47·3	110·7	81·0	73·9
Sept. ...	202·3	680·5	882·8	26·4	326·2	48·2	111·1	82·3	74·9
Oct. ...	202·5	687·2	889·7	26·5	328·6	49·3	110·5	83·3	75·6
Nov. ...	203·0	693·9	866·9	26·8	329·5	50·7	111·1	86·3	75·8
Dec. ...	203·9	694·2	886·1	26·6	327·1	50·4	110·0	89·4	75·9
1947—Jan. ...	205·3	696·6	901·9	26·5	329·4	51·9	112·1	86·9	76·2
Feb. ...	206·8	696·8	903·6	26·5	329·2	53·9	112·2	85·3	77·0
Mar. ...	207·5	705·8	913·3	26·3	335·3	53·9	112·5	85·7	77·8
April. ...	208·4	707·5	915·9	26·4	333·9	53·9	114·8	86·2	77·7
May ...	209·5	710·0	919·5	26·6	334·1	56·2	114·7	86·4	78·2
June ...	210·5	713·4	923·9	26·8	335·5	56·7	115·6	87·1	78·6
July ...	212·0	718·3	930·3	26·9	338·7	58·7	115·5	87·5	79·0

(a) Employees of Commonwealth, State and Local Governmental Authorities and of Allied Governments,

(b) Exclusive of Working Proprietors. From July, 1946, subject to revision.

(c) Includes Education, Health, Hotels and Restaurants, Professional and Personal Services,

140·0

28. CONSUMPTION OF GAS AND ELECTRICITY.

Index of Monthly Sales of Gas and Electricity (Sydney).

(Based on number of units each equal to 3,412 British Thermal Units.)

Month.	Average, 1929 to 1931.	1929.	1932.	1936.	1939.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.
January	100	103	93	110	125	141	141	164	155	173	165	170
February	100	105	95	112	125	142	145	159	161	174	181	201
March	100	102	95	111	130	143	146	164	165	171	185	199
April	100	104	96	110	125	141	147	164	162	172	189	198
May	100	106	95	110	128	146	144	166	172	178	192	198
June	100	103	99	114	131	150	154	174	176	176	197	208
July	100	105	97	112	134	149	158	171	177	184	195	212
August	100	106	97	107	135	151	157	181	181	177	195	...
September	100	108	97	113	134	151	158	171	172	180	201	...
October	100	109	96	113	135	154	163	162	169	174	203	...
November	100	109	97	116	136	152	161	164	171	179	200	...
December	100	105	99	116	131	153	165	163	169	123	180	...
Year	100	105	96	112	131	148	154	167	170	172	191	...

The base for each month is the average sales in the corresponding month of the three years, 1929 to 1931.

29. PRICES OF METALS.

Average Monthly Prices of Metals (Export Parity f.o.b. Australia) in Australian Currency.

Period.	Silver (Standard).	Lead.	Zinc (Electrolytic).	Tin (Standard).	Gold (Fine).
	per oz.	per ton.	per ton.	per ton.	per oz.
1938	s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1939	2 0·14	17 12 11	19 12 10	228 11 10	8 17 1
1940	2 1·42	17 12 1	19 15 3	268 3 6	9 14 4
1941	2 2·95	18 14 6	22 9 11	292 19 8	10 13 1
1942	2 4·26	19 11 4	22 12 11	295 1 6	10 13 8
1943	2 4·66	21 9 9	22 2 11	285 9 1	10 9 1
1944	2 4·63	22 19 2	23 15 2	283 1 6	10 9 0
1945	2 4·63	26 3 0	24 9 4	335 7 2	10 10 1
1946	2 10·59	34 10 10	37 6 4	350 9 0	10 13 10
	4 8·02	56 8 6	55 0 2	355 1 8	10 15 3
1946—October	5 4·17	66 16 6	61 19 0	354 19 5	10 15 3
November	5 4·17	69 10 1	62 13 8	354 19 5	10 15 3
December	5 4·17	71 13 0	61 13 6	354 19 5	10 15 3
1947—January	5 4·17	77 14 10	66 1 1	354 19 5	10 15 3
February	4 3·42	79 5 5	65 11 4	354 19 5	10 15 3
March	4 6·44	81 18 1	68 3 8	354 19 5	10 15 3
April	4 4·98	93 15 11	68 9 8	354 19 5	10 15 3
May	4 3·04	96 0 1	68 9 8	354 19 5	10 15 3
June	3 11·75	94 3 0	64 16 4	354 19 5	10 15 3

30. RETAIL PRICE INDEX NUMBERS—SYDNEY.

(Base : Weighted Average for 6 Capital Cities in 1923-27 = 1,000.)

Quarter.	Food and Groceries.	Rent— 4 and 5 rooms.	Clothing.	Miscellaneous Items.	Total Household Expenditure.	
					Index Number.	Increase from Sept Quarter, 1939.
1939—September ...	930	1,039	841	939	933	...
1940—September ...	945	1,042	948	996	973	4·3
1941—September ...	947	1,043	1,129	1,062	1,027	10·1
1942—September ...	1,061	1,042	1,337	1,105	1,122	20·3
1943—March* ...	1,050	1,042	1,408	1,145	1,141	22·3
June† ...	1,065	1,042	1,479	1,162	1,165	24·9
1944—March ...	1,019	1,043	1,443	1,176	1,143	22·5
June ...	1,025	1,043	1,437	1,172	1,143	22·5
September ...	1,035	1,043	1,437	1,167	1,146	22·8
December ...	1,022	1,043	1,441	1,169	1,142	22·4
1945—March ...	1,027	1,043	1,420	1,163	1,138	22·0
June ...	1,040	1,043	1,410	1,163	1,141	22·3
September ...	1,042	1,043	1,412	1,163	1,142	22·4
December ...	1,029	1,043	1,459	1,163	1,147	22·9
1946—March ...	1,035	1,043	1,463	1,167	1,151	23·4
June ...	1,042	1,043	1,510	1,171	1,165	24·9
September ...	1,032	1,043	1,537	1,168	1,167	25·1
December ...	1,047	1,043	1,555	1,175	1,177	26·2
1947—March ...	1,097	1,044	1,532	1,186	1,192	27·8
June ...	1,096	1,044	1,540	1,187	1,194	28·0

* Price stabilisation level.

† War-time peak.

31. BASIC WAGE—INDUSTRIAL AWARDS.

Amount per week—Adult Males.

Year.	Sydney, Newcastle, Wollongong— Port Kembla.*					Crown Employees. (All Districts).			
	February.	May.	August.	November.	February.	May.	August.	November	
s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
†1939 ...	81 0	82 0	81 0	82 0	80 0	80 0	80 0	80 0	80 0
1940 ...	82 0	83 0	85 0	85 0	81 0	81 0	83 0	84 0	
1941 ...	88 0	88 0	89 0	89 0	86 0	87 0	87 0	88 0	
1942 ...	91 0	93 0	95 0	97 0	90 0	92 0	94 0	96 0	
1943 ...	98 0	98 0	100 0	99 0	97 0	97 0	99 0	98 0	
1944 ...	99 0	99 0	99 0	99 0	97 0	97 0	97 0	98 0	
1945 ...	99 0	98 0	98 0	99 0	97 0	97 0	97 0	97 0	
1946 ...	99 0	99 0	100 0	{ 101 0	98 0	98 0	99 0	{ 99 0	
				108 0†				106 0†	
1947 ...	108 0	110 0	110 0		107 0	108 0	109 0		

* In other districts, except Broken Hill, the rates were 3s. less.

† Special increase 7s., December, 1946 (Interim judgment of Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration).

‡ In 1939 quarterly variations commenced in March, June, September and December.

The estimated population of N.S.W. at 31st December, 1946, was 2,942,189 or 39·2 per cent. of the total population of Australia (Sydney and Suburbs, 31st December, 1943, 1,398,000).

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SUPPLEMENT.**1. Population, Births, Deaths and Marriages—Years 1939 to 1947.**

Year.	Estimated Population at end of Year (a).	Live Births.	Deaths.		Marriages.	Annual Rate per 1,000 Mean Population.			Infantile Mortality. Deaths under 1 year per 1,000 Live Births.
			Total.	Under 1 year.		Live Births.	Deaths.	Marriages.	
1939.....	2,762,789	48,003	26,815	1,969	25,471	17.47	9.27	41.0	
1940.....	2,782,991	49,382	26,143	1,927	30,364	17.81	9.43	10.95	39.0
1941.....	2,802,014	51,729	27,300	2,264	29,983	18.53	9.78	10.74	43.8
1942.....	2,833,133	52,647	(b) 29,219	2,116	34,533	18.68	10.37	12.25	40.2
1943.....	2,854,862	57,265	(b) 28,870	2,072	26,302	20.16	10.16	9.26	39.2
1944.....	2,884,848	59,612	(b) 26,652	1,829	26,426	20.76	9.28	9.20	39.7
1945.....	2,912,791	61,662	(b) 26,994	1,889	25,283	21.27	9.31	8.72	30.5
1946.....	2,942,189	67,247	(b) 28,579	2,031	31,684	22.99	9.77	10.83	30.2
Jan-June									
1946.....	.....	30,148	(b) 13,481	939	16,411	20.64	9.23	11.24	31.1
1947(c)....	.....	35,898	(b) 13,030	997	15,366	24.29	8.82	10.40	27.8

(a) Including persons enlisted in armed forces wherever located.

(b) Civilians only

(c) Preliminary.

2. Marriages—Quarterly—1939 to 1947.

Year.	Metropolis.				Remainder of State.			
	Quarter ended—				Quarter ended—			
	March.	June.	September.	December.	March.	June.	September.	December.
No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1939.....	3,545	3,837	3,202	4,549	2,431	2,811	2,326	2,770
1940.....	4,271	4,363	4,770	5,172	2,938	2,781	3,133	2,936
1941.....	4,249	4,724	3,997	5,738	2,572	3,011	2,631	3,061
1942.....	5,965	6,044	4,980	5,106	3,327	3,459	2,803	2,849
1943.....	4,583	4,418	3,691	4,325	2,581	2,402	2,079	2,223
1944.....	4,389	4,427	3,960	4,272	2,294	2,571	2,324	2,186
1945.....	3,943	4,008	3,723	4,346	2,306	2,356	2,103	2,438
1946.....	5,176	5,124	4,345	4,942	3,030	3,081	2,853	3,133
1947(a)....	4,719	4,604			2,885	3,158		

(a) Preliminary.

3. Net Value of Production*—Recorded Industries, 1938-39 to 1945-46.

Year.	Rural Industries.				Forests, Fisheries and Trapping.	Mines and Quarries.	Total Primary Industries.	Manufacturing.	Total.
	Pastoral.	Agri-cultural.	Dairying and Farmyard.	Total Rural Industries.					
£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
1938-39....	23,613	13,401	13,147	50,161	3,429	9,948	63,538	90,266	153,804
1939-40....	34,562	18,076	13,266	65,904	3,658	10,927	80,489	96,609	177,098
1940-41....	35,305	11,186	13,368	59,859	4,646	10,233	74,738	115,044	189,782
1941-42....	34,121	16,043	12,834	62,998	6,045	12,403	81,446	138,790	220,236
1942-43....	38,212	24,444	17,070	79,726	5,507	12,897	98,130	153,582	251,712
1943-44....	42,580	27,852	18,112	88,544	7,026	13,158	108,728	162,726	271,454
1944-45....	37,452	17,412	20,080	74,944	7,048	13,137	95,129	159,875	255,004
1945-46....	34,043	†35,003	21,596	†90,642	8,908	13,116	†112,666	153,179	†265,845

* Represents gross value at place of production less goods used in the process of production e.g., fodder, seed, fertiliser used on farms, and raw materials and fuel in factories.

† To be increased by further payments from wheat pools.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

RURAL INDUSTRIES.

4. Area under Crop.

Season ended March.	Wheat. (grain only).	Maize (grain only).	Oats (grain only).	Rice.	Sugar-cane cut for Crushing.	Hay.	Potatoes.	Total Area of Crops.
	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.
1939 ...	4,650,872	122,201	399,449	23,533	10,458	1,068,925	16,866	7,049,357
1940 ...	4,380,595	115,856	405,262	24,120	10,488	706,599	19,232	6,381,531
1941 ...	4,453,963	142,147	236,910	24,547	10,192	715,625	17,836	6,374,354
1942 ...	3,968,758	117,262	303,860	23,633	8,491	714,142	17,685	5,920,561
1943 ...	3,932,946	103,591	431,299	34,232	9,732	730,157	24,488	5,297,313
1944 ...	2,693,302	103,237	374,205	40,690	8,240	534,470	30,067	4,797,385
1945 ...	2,844,804	94,107	544,364	24,596	6,771	585,829	34,796	5,044,792
1946 ...	3,773,901	92,416	617,070	28,372	5,943	750,714	22,865	6,087,566
1947 ...	4,474,894	110,038	557,987	31,995	7,563	542,470	21,309	6,511,493

5. Production of Crops.

(In Thousands—ooo omitted.)

Season ended March.	Wheat.	Maize.	Oats.	Rice.	Sugar-cane.	Hay.	Potatoes.	Total Value of all Crops to Producers.
	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	£
1939 ...	59,898	2,905	4,831	2,775	337	1,181	39	18,459
1940 ...	76,552	2,833	6,904	1,858	275	966	41	21,237
1941 ...	23,933	4,044	1,995	2,240	343	617	50	14,250
1942 ...	48,500	3,142	4,118	2,192	359	715	39	20,308
1943 ...	51,693	2,815	7,338	3,084	338	986	65	29,144
1944 ...	47,500	2,769	7,050	4,015	290	736	66	32,686
1945 ...	17,134	2,437	1,757	1,603	200	371	81	21,998
1946 ...	62,520	2,561	9,997	2,735	166	980	62	40,377†
1947 ...	15,682	2,507	2,046	2,978	310	376	61	

6. Average Yield per acre of Crops.

Season ended March.	Wheat.	Maize.	Oats.	Rice.	Sugar-cane.	Hay.	Potatoes.	Value per Acre of All Crops.
	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	£ s. d.
1939 ...	12·9	23·8	12·1	118	32·20	1·10	2·34	2 12 4
1940 ...	17·5	24·5	17·0	77	26·18	1·37	2·11	3 6 8
1941 ...	5·4	28·4	8·4	91	33·61	0·86	2·83	2 4 9
1942 ...	12·2	26·8	13·6	93	42·33	1·00	2·18	3 8 7
1943 ...	17·0	27·2	17·0	90	34·73	1·34	2·64	5 10 0
1944 ...	17·6	26·8	18·8	99	35·24	1·38	2·18	6 16 3
1945 ...	6·0	25·9	3·2	69	29·54	0·63	2·32	4 6 10
1946 ...	16·6	27·7	16·2	96	27·94	1·31	2·70	6 12 8†
1947 ...	3·5	22·8	3·7	93	40·94	0·69	2·88	*

* Not yet available.

† Subject to revision.

7. Live Stock.

At 31st March.	Horses.	Cattle.			Sheep.	Pigs.
		Cows in Registered Dairies.	All Other.	Total.		
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1939 ...	531,355	1,068,906	1,742,978	2,811,884	48,877,000	377,344
1940 ...	534,837	1,068,999	1,693,654	2,762,653	54,372,000	451,064
1941 ...	531,776	1,054,770	1,714,291	2,769,061	55,568,000	507,738
1942 ...	525,697	1,055,172	1,823,278	2,878,450	56,737,000	434,102
1943 ...	483,277	1,054,511	1,976,035	3,030,546	56,944,000	486,960
1944 ...	465,672	1,043,273	2,100,105	3,143,378	56,837,000	561,294
1945 ...	430,443	1,035,991	2,108,710	3,144,701	46,662,000	523,917
1946 ...	403,645	1,021,087	2,095,747	3,116,834	44,076,000	432,612
1947 ...	379,774	967,909	2,015,184	2,983,093	43,105,000	358,417

8. Sheep and Lambs shorn and Quantity of Wool produced.

Season.	Sheep and Lambs Shorn.	Average Clip (Greasy)*	Weight of Wool Produced (as in the grease).				
			Shorn and Crutched.	Dead.	Fell-mongered.	Exported on Skins.	Total Production
1935-36.....	55,805	7'7	429,701	2,358	24,176	16,350	472,585
1936-37.....	55,485	8'3	459,050	1,423	24,303	18,240	503,616
1937-38.....	54,673	8'2	447,095	1,772	23,950	21,610	495,027
1938-39.....	51,530	7'6	391,627	2,427	25,678	17,409	437,141
1939-40.....	54,637	9'1*	497,356	1,095	32,751	15,071	546,273
1940-41.....	57,704	8'4	484,012	1,327	46,019	5,550	536,908
1941-42.....	58,537	8'5	497,446	1,126	41,964	6,464	547,000
1942-43.....	57,654	7'8	448,968	1,278	42,500	4,792	497,538
1943-44.....	57,318	8'6	499,331	883	39,816	6,380	537,410
1944-45.....	52,268	7'6	398,598	1,164	38,261	10,660	448,683
1945-46.....	45,402	8'5	386,724	1,204	31,647	11,974	431,549
1946-47.....	43,119	8'9	383,692	1,246	27,976	20,607	432,621

* Includes crutchings.

9. Sheep—Lambing, Slaughter, Exports and Deaths.

(In Thousands—ooo omitted.)

Season.	Lambs Marked.	Sheep and Lambs Slaughtered.	Net Movement of Sheep to (—) and from (+) Other States.	Approximate Number of Deaths on Holdings.	Sheep at 31st March.
1938-39 ...	No. 9,286	No. 6,311	No. (+) 230	No. 5,891	No. 48,877
1939-40 ...	15,074	6,887	(—) 44	3,248	54,372
1940-41 ...	14,014	8,167	(—) 664	3,987	55,568
1941-42 ...	14,616	8,115	(—) 1,432	3,900	56,737
1942-43 ...	13,627	9,299	(—) 772	4,250	56,043
1943-44 ...	15,068	9,476	(—) 798	4,000	56,837
1944-45 ...	11,069	8,865	(—) 1,009	1,370	46,662
1945-46 ...	9,894	7,601	(+) 393	5,272	44,076
1946-47 ...	11,240	7,137	(—) 628	4,446	43,105

10. Cattle in Registered Dairies and Beef Cattle.

Classification.	At 31st March.					
	1939.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.
In Registered Dairies—						
Cows in milk	No. 691,105	No. 638,861	No. 609,867	No. 626,272	No. 594,809	No. 592,385
Cows, dry	195,806	205,182	227,268	106,885	192,083	170,035
Heifers (1 year and over) ...	181,995	210,468	206,138	212,834	234,195	205,489
Total cows (registered dairies) ...	I,068,906	I,054,511	I,043,273	I,035,991	I,021,087	967,909
Calves (under 1 year) ...	*	190,585	185,297	189,777	151,946	148,037
Bulls	*	26,720	26,116	25,767	25,281	24,404
Total cattle (reg'd. dairies) ...	*	I,271,816	I,254,686	I,251,535	I,198,114	I,140,350
Other milking cows (dry and in milk)	98,340†	82,556†	123,083	119,165	118,335	I30,931
Beef Cattle—						
Cows and heifers (1 year and over)	683,713	790,635	802,131	804,365	824,581	782,755
Calves (under 1 year) ...	*	366,111	420,484	403,844	370,752	409,677
Bulls	*	31,560	33,026	33,445	34,284	33,213
Bullocks, steers, etc. ...	473,658	487,850	509,968	532,347	570,568	486,167
Total, beef cattle... ...	*	I,676,174	I,765,609	I,774,001	I,800,185	I,711,812
Total, all cattle	2,811,884	3,030,546	3,143,378	3,144,701	3,116,834	2,983,093

* Not available. † Cows actually being milked; other milking cows (dry) are included under other headings.

